

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MELISSA REED,

Plaintiff,

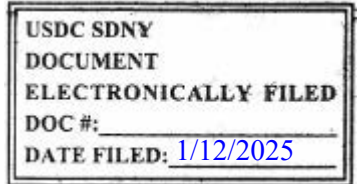
-v.-

CITIGROUP INC.,

Defendant.

24 Civ. 09023 (JHR)

ORDER



JENNIFER H. REARDEN, District Judge:

By separate Order today, the Court is referring this case to the designated Magistrate Judge for general pretrial management. In addition, in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, to conserve resources, and to promote judicial efficiency, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the designated Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for the Defendant must, **within two weeks of the date on which the Defendant enters an appearance**, file on ECF a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge (available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/node/754>). The executed form should be filed using the “Proposed Consent to Jurisdiction by US Magistrate Judge” filing event in accordance with ECF Rule 13.27. If the Court approves that form, then all further proceedings will be conducted before the designated Magistrate Judge.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the designated Magistrate Judge, then the parties must file a joint letter, **within two weeks of the date on which the Defendant enters an appearance**, informing the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 12, 2025
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer H. Rearden".

JENNIFER H. REARDEN
United States District Judge